

## Proposed Guidelines for setting up A Vocation Promotion Team

Vocation promotion is everyone's concern in our Catholic Church. As Jesus says: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Lk 10:2) During this year of the priestly vocations, let us work together in one heart and mind to promote vocations starting from oneself and each family.

Every parish should strive to strengthen the prayer life of all catholic families, in so doing, the youngsters may be influenced under good religious education and practice. It is of great help to awaken in them their vocation, and motivate them to sacrifice their lives for the service of the Church. The Diocesan Vocation Commission thus would like to propose the following guidelines for setting up "A Vocation Promotion Team."

### Proposal I – The Family is the Cradle for Vocations

The Parish Priest may invite two or a few families to initiate family gatherings in an informal way so as to provide a joyful, prayerful, social gathering for their children. Each family may take turns to hold meetings regularly in their own home or elsewhere as desired.

### Proposal II – Vocation is God's Gift

The Parish Priest and the Parish Council may recruit parishioners to set up a "Vocation Promotion Team" and install the Team Members for this specific mission in the parish.

### Proposal III – Vocation Ministry is the ultimate goal of Youth Ministry

A joint effort between Youth Ministry and Vocation Ministry can be made to initiate formation activities to deepen the spirituality of all altar Boys, Junior Sunday School Teachers, and all Youth Group of the Parish.

## Proposed Constitution for the Parish Vocation Team

Name of the Parish:

The Objectives:

1. To promote Priestly and Religious Vocations in the Diocese of Hong Kong.
2. To encourage young parishioners to attend the Vocation Activities.
3. To support all Vocation Promotion Activities at the Diocesan Level.
4. To introduce young parishioners to the Parish Priest for Vocation Discernment.

Membership Requirement: All Catholic Parishioners who are interested in “Vocation Promotion” are welcome

Responsibilities:

1. To recite the “Prayer for Vocations” daily.
2. To recite the “Rosary” weekly with an intention for vocations.
3. To attend a “Mass for Vocations” monthly.
4. To help/participate in the “Diocesan Vocation Promotion Projects”.
5. To do penance, abstinence, acts of charity and pray regularly for vocations

Membership:

- One Spiritual Director (Could be A Priest or Deacon or Religious Brother or Sister)
- A Chairperson
- One Secretary and Treasurer
- Five to Ten Members

Duties: all Members should attend:

- “A Monthly Mass for Vocations”
- A regularly (bi-monthly) meeting in planning and implementing “Vocation Promotion Activities” in the Parish
- Parish Council Meeting (ideally the Chairperson should be one of the council members)

Approval: The Parish Priest should approve The Constitution.

